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Re: Application of: Franz ROTTNER, et al.  
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For: **DISTORTION DETECTOR**

COMMUNICATION RE: REFUND PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.26

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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March 12, 2002

Sir:


On March 5, 2002, applicants paid the International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) for the above-identified patent in the large entity amount of **\$930.00** instead of the small entity amount of **\$485.00 (\$445.00 basic fee + \$ 40.00 fee for recording executed assignment)**.

Applicants hereby assert pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c) that they are entitled to assert small entity status.

Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26, applicants request a refund of \$445.00, based on the establishment of small entity status and the submission of this request within three months of the date of the payment of the fee. Please credit the deposit account of Davidson, Davidson & Kappel, LLC, 50-0552, in the amount of \$445.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on March 12, 2002.

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